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**APPLICATION OF CHUCK BELL
WATER SYSTEMS L.L.C. FOR
APPROVAL OF A SAMPLING FEE
SURCHARGE**

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COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Supplemental Recommendation and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On March 2, 2017, Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C., Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12190, in Johnson County, Texas, filed an application for a sampling fees surcharge to affected customers in Bell Manor PWS# 1260080, Rock Creek PWS# 1260082, Buffalo Creek PWS# 1260084, Sandersview PWS# 1260086, Crowley II Acres PWS# 1260012, John Dame PWS# 1260090, Martin Creek PWS# 1260122, and Bear Creek PWS# 2200336. On March 22, 2017, Staff issued its initial Recommendation on Sufficiency, requesting that the application be found deficient and requesting additional information on the Carbamates Insecticides sampling. On March 24, 2017, a notice was issued requiring finding the application deficient, requesting that the applicant submit the supplemental information by April 12, 2017, and that Staff file a supplemental recommendation on the sufficiency of the application by May 3, 2017.

II. SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the sampling fee surcharge as set forth in the attached memorandum from Emily Sears, Financial Analyst in the Water Utilities Division. Specifically, Staff is authorized to represent that the Applicant, Mr. Bell, has agreed to remove the amount of \$57.01 for Carbamates Insecticides sampling from the requested amount for the Bear Creek system. Staff also recommends that Mr. Bell include a short statement on the first bill that includes the surcharge, as laid out in Ms. Sears' memorandum, and that Mr. Bell only be authorized to recover the amounts set out in the memorandum.

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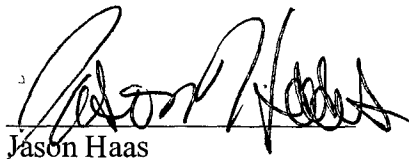
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Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION**

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Division Director

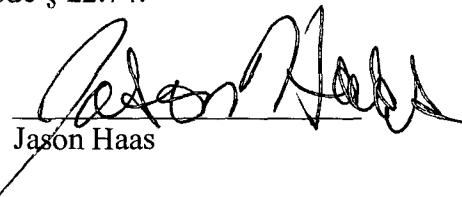
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on April 4, 2017 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.



Jason Haas

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Jason Haas, Attorney
Legal Division

THRU: Tammy Benter, Director
Water Utilities Division

FROM: Emily Sears, Financial Analyst
Water Utilities Division

DATE: April 3, 2017

SUBJECT: **Docket No. 46905;** *Application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for Approval of a Sampling Fee Surcharge*

On March 2, 2017, Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. (Applicant), Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12190, in Johnson County, Texas, filed an application for a sampling fees surcharge to affected customers in Bell Manor PWS# 1260080, Rock Creek PWS# 1260082, Buffalo Creek PWS# 1260084, Sandersview PWS# 1260086, Crowley II Acres PWS# 1260012, John Dame PWS# 1260090, Martin Creek PWS# 1260122, and Bear Creek PWS# 2200336. These fees are for DBP-2 sampling.

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 24.21(b)(2)(F), if specifically authorized for the utility in writing by the Commission, a surcharge to recover the actual increase in costs to the utility may be collected over a specifically authorized time period without being listed on the approved tariff for a sampling fees not already recovered by rates.

The Applicant requested to recover costs associated with Carbamates insecticides; however, only one invoice was provided, which was for the Bear Creek system. After discussion with Staff, the Applicant agreed to remove the amount from this application. Therefore, this amount, \$57.01, was removed from the requested amount for the Bear Creek system.

Based upon review of the information submitted with the application, and discussion with the Applicant, Staff recommends the following:

A) Approval of the sampling fee surcharge application authorizing the Applicant to collect the following fees:

1) Bell Manor	\$603.30/21 connections	\$9.58/ conn for (3) months
2) Rock Creek	\$603.30/36 connections	\$8.38/conn for (2) months
3) Buffalo Creek	\$603.30/36 connections	\$8.38/ conn for (2) months

4) Sandersview	\$968.87/22 connections	\$14.68/conn for (3) months
5) Crowley II Acres	\$220.98/88 connections	\$2.51/ conn for (1) month
6) John Dame	\$1,206.60/40 connections	\$10.06/ conn for (3) months
7) Martin Creek	\$763.46/22 connections	\$11.57/ conn for (3) months
8) Bear Creek	\$911.86/20 connections	\$15.19/ conn for (3) months*

***Calculation:**

Bear Creek

Amount Requested		\$968.87
Less disallowed cost:		
Carbamates Insecticides	\$ 57.01	<u>(\$57.01)</u>
		<u>\$911.86</u>

- B) The first bill that the Applicant sends out that includes the surcharge should include a short statement as follows:

“A sampling surcharge has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to cover sampling fees incurred by the utility and required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.”; and

- C) The Commission’s order should include language noting that the Applicant is not authorized to collect more than the total approved amounts stated in paragraphs (A)(1) through (8) above.